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LETTER DATED 22 OCTOBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BURUNDI TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform you that, according to information we have received and reports by the media, an unsettled political situation prevails in my country.

During the night of 20-21 October 1993, a group of soldiers attacked the Presidential Palace and the residences of a number of political leaders of the country. According to concordant sources, the President of the Republic and other leaders were taken hostage and subsequently executed.

The country remains isolated from the outside world because communication lines have been cut and the frontiers have been closed.

A curfew has apparently been decreed throughout the territory and a state of emergency proclaimed.

I do not have any details at this time because I have no access to the country, but I regret that the perpetrators of the putsch have brought to a halt the recent democratic momentum of the people of Burundi. This may have unfortunate consequences for my country and even for the subregion.

I shall keep you constantly informed of the development of this tragic situation.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Thérence SINUNGURUZA
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